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TO: Community E-lert Recipients
FROM: Jeffrey Chen, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Community E-lert #05-020

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SYNOPSIS OF RECENT ACTIVITY

As you may be aware through our E-lert transmissions, our community has experienced some criminal activity since the first of the year. This activity has ranged from actual and attempted burglaries, vehicle prowls, mail thefts, and the arrest of a man with a gun, to name a few.

We understand and are sensitive to community members who may be feeling frightened or uneasy, or even that our city is not safe. Let me assure you that all the members of the Medina Police Department are dedicated to maintaining a safe community. We have conducted an analysis of recent criminal activity and have identified patterns and trends which are being used as part of a focused and targeted patrol emphasis, including uniformed and undercover officer presence. These patrols have resulted in numerous contacts and in some cases, arrests. It is also important to remember that several of these incidents were crimes of opportunity. These suspects have taken advantage of unsecured doors and windows, unlocked vehicles, and unarmed security systems.

However unfortunate, these recent events have increased safety awareness in our community, and as a result, residents are beginning to take a second look at their home security, and are even revisiting the environmental design of their property to identify areas of concern. Recently, residents have come forward wanting to support the use of modern day technology to enhance our public safety services. This heightened awareness

and involvement will help to increase the safety of the community, and that helps us, as your Police Department, accomplish our goals.

The Medina Police Department is committed to working with community members through prevention and education. We will be hosting our first Community Education Workshop on Tuesday, April 26th at 7:00 PM, and will be discussing Identity Theft.

In closing, I want to emphasize the importance of continuing to report suspicious activity by calling 9-1-1 immediately. As your Police Chief, I commit to you that we are never too busy to hear from you. If you see something that makes you uneasy or looks out of place in some way, please do not hesitate to call. I would also encourage any resident who has an interest in forming a Neighborhood Blockwatch or would like to be involved in other crime prevention campaigns to contact Officer Shannon Gibson at sgibson@medina-wa.gov and as always, please feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions at 425-454-1332 or by e-mailing at jchen@medina-wa.gov.